

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER  
IPC 7 H04H1/00 H04L1/00

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**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EP0-Internal, PAJ

**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 6 002 678 A (JAYAPALAN JAY PURUSHOTHAMAN ET AL) 14 December 1999 (1999-12-14) the whole document	1-24
A	US 5 659 877 A (ENOMOTO MITSUTAKA ET AL) 19 August 1997 (1997-08-19) the whole document	1-24
A	EP 1 098 540 A (HITACHI LTD) 9 May 2001 (2001-05-09) column 3, line 4 -column 4, line 23 column 8, line 3 -column 9, line 16 figures 1-8	1-24
X	GB 2 116 403 A (BRITISH BROADCASTING CORP) 21 September 1983 (1983-09-21) the whole document	25,27,30
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Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 99 27674 A (ERICSSON GE MOBILE INC) 3 June 1999 (1999-06-03) page 3, line 11 -page 5, line 21 page 8, line 3 -page 11, line 21 figures 2,4 -----	25,27,30
X	US 5 878 098 A (SCHAFFNER TERRY M ET AL) 2 March 1999 (1999-03-02)	32
A	column 1, line 28 - line 55 figures 1-6B -----	31

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.  
PCT/US 02/26037**Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)**

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1-24

A method for performing a hard handoff in a broadcast communications network.

2. Claims: 25-32

A method for utilising a common broadcast channel for signalling.